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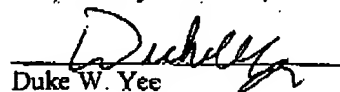
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A Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification, a copy of which is attached hereto, was received by
Applicant stating that:

"Figures 6, 7A, and 7B are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the
Drawings in the specification".

In response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency, neither the Informal Drawings filed on January 31, 2000,
nor the Formal Drawings filed on April 24, 2000 and accepted by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowance dated
August 19, 2004, contain Figures 6, 7A or 7B. As there are no Figures 6, 7A or 7B that exist, there is no inconsistency
with the Brief Description of the Specification.

Therefore, it is believed that the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification is incorrect. No fee is
due at this time.

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The drawings filed 01-31-2000 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figures _____ are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figures 6, 7A, and 7B are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer**, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

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